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Proposed Seniors Complex For Minden

Public Meeting Scheduled For March 28th

A new residential complex, complete with an indoor swimming pool, medical centre, and so much more is proposed to be built in Minden in the near future. Would you like to know more? Then be sure to attend the information meeting on Monday, March 28th, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Minden Legion.

Those attending will find the topic very interesting. After four plus years of research on the needs of senior residents in the Halliburton area, Giffels Design Build will be presenting a proposal to build the complex. Phase one would offer 80 rentable one and two bedroom units, a pay for use dining room, games room, library, non denominational prayer room and many other services. There will be on site medical services, including, but not limited to a traveling pharmacy, doctor and nurses, chiropractic care, dieticians and more. Phase two would offer 80 more units. Each unit would be equipped with kitchen and bathroom facilities, be wheelchair friendly, have swipe card

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Proposed Complex To Include Indoor Swimming Pool

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access for keys and the entire complex will have a 24/7 security.surveillance to protect the residents.

The community is proposing, with the help of Giffels Design Build Inc. an investment programme, to have within the complex an indoor swimming pool with a retractable floor for hydrotherapy for rehabilitation of hip and knee replacements, accident physiotherapy, sports injuries, etc. Says Site Manager Barry Butler, "There is no site within 2 hours of the area offering Hydrotherapy for anybody. This is a big thing. The support has been phenomenal. Queens Park and Ottawa have been very supportive, and Barry Devolin has promised to give a special effort if there is enough local interest". Right now, we are offering residents of the community, a limited number of investment opportunities in this project. First come, first served. The Halliburton County Development Corporation and the TD Bank will handle the investments. Right now investors can expect approximately 8% return on their investment.

According to government stats, Haliburton Highlands has the second highest number of senior citizens per capita in Canada.

Research conducted by Giffels Design Build into government statistics, suggests next to Victoria, B.C, Halliburton Highlands has the highest number of Senior Citizens per capita in Canada. "There is a growing need for affordable housing in the county", says Barry. Barry projects that the complex will create at least 6 full time jobs and about 30 part time jobs for the area. "We are very excited about this project and welcome any interested parties to come out March 28th and get involved in this investment opportunity. We look forward to seeing everybody there" says Barry.

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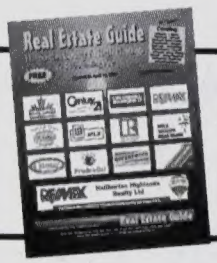

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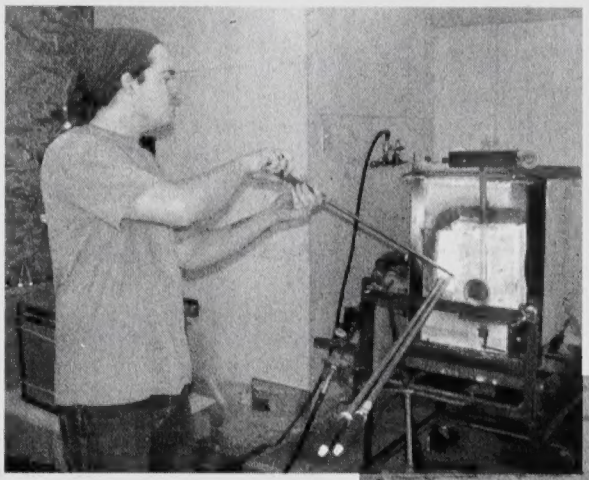
EYE ON BUSINESS

Artech Studios

The Art Of Glass Blowing Right Here In Tory Hill

by Stephen Patrick

Terry Craig and his spouse Jennifer Wanless-Craig are two highly talented and ambitious local artists and entrepreneurs who are determined to make a significant mark on Haliburton's artistic landscape. Terry Craig is a well known glass artist and technician who's taught at the Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts for the last 10 summers. He also has many years' worth of experience as a studio technician and artist at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre. And he and Jennifer together have over 20 years of "collective research and education" in the construction, design, and maintenance of glassblowing workshops and equipment.



The couple, through their company, Artech Studios, have designed and built equipment for Fleming College and for the Picton Artisan's Playground in Prince Edward County.

Terry and Jennifer bought the old, but cheerfully renovated United Church in Tory Hill last fall, moved in with baby Annabelle, and immediately set to work constructing a state-of-the-art glassblowing workshop to house Artech Studios. They've already been commissioned to build a glass-blowing oven as part of a complete studio they're constructing for an Ontario client, but that's just the start of their plans.

Artech doesn't just build studios and ovens: they're also opening a hands-on teaching and studio centre. In April, for instance, they'll be offering weekend glassblowing workshops, portrait drawing and printmaking teaching sessions. They'll also rent out glassblowing studio space and equipment to students and professionals alike.

Terry Craig and Jennifer Wanless-Craig

Terry, as a working artist, produces beautiful, one-of-a-kind blown production glass pieces ranging from sherry glasses to goblets and vases. He also creates unique glass sculptures. "When you blow glass, you can't stop, take a breather, consider your work, and then carry on," says Terry. "It has to be done in one session, and no matter how carefully you plan, it seems that each piece has its own identity." He describes a creative process which sometimes ends up like "a mishap with the compass", meaning that a piece can take a sudden turn, or a totally different direction almost at will.

"It's a little like live theatre: you know the script, the actors, and the props: but every performance is subtly different and sometimes a piece achieves a whole new meaning, almost on its own. You have to learn to react, re-think, and improvise within a few seconds, or you'll end up with nothing more than a few bits of broken glass."

Besides demanding tough, quick creative thinking, glassblowing is also very physically challenging. The oven used to work the glass is heated to over 2000 degrees Fahrenheit: the glassblower often has to get within a few inches of this fierce heat as he prepares the gooey glass for turning and shaping. The workshop itself is often over a 100 degrees F. The artist keeps going, alternately heating, blowing, shaping, cutting and colouring, and all the time returning the piece to the oven to keep it at the right consistency. It's demanding and difficult work, to say the least.

Besides teaching glassblowing itself, Terry is also an expert in the ergonomics of glassblowing. He offers courses and individual instruction to glassblowers in how to "move around the glass and the oven to reduce the risk of pulled or strained muscles, or worse." The dangers increase when you're creating what's called "big glass", meaning pieces over 18 inches. For these pieces, the glassblower often needs an assistant to help in manipulating the molten glass.

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Minden Home Hardware Welcomes New Owners

Wouldn't you think it might be just a little intimidating to take over a 27,000-square-foot store and building centre with 66 employees, a very loyal customer base, and a long community ownership tradition? Well if it is, you wouldn't know it from the confident and outgoing manner of Jodi Paterson and Dave Staley, the brand new owners of the Minden Home Hardware and Building Centre.

On February 28th Dave and Jodi formally took over as new owners from the Pentney family who had been servicing the hardware and building needs of the Minden and Haliburton County for over 35 years. During that time the community changed rapidly, and the Pentney's were always in the forefront of that change. John and Minnie Pentney bought the old Crest hardware store,(then on the corner of Main and Peck streets,) and within three years had joined the Home Hardware chain as independent owners. Twelve years later they opened the building supply division on Peck Street. John Jr. and his wife Linda ran the hardware store, while John Sr. and his second son Dave operated the building supply division.

Pictured left to right are: John Pentney, Linda Pentney, Jodi Paterson, Dave Staley (new owners) Dave Pentney, Bonnie Pentney.

Eventually the family took the giant step of moving out of the town core to a terrific new location overlooking Highway 35. A 20,000-foot store was built and opened in time for the May 1989 holiday weekend. And from there, they never looked back. In 1994 two more properties were bought and developed for garden and patio furniture divisions, and for parking.

The Pentney family, John Jr and Linda, together with Dave and his wife Bonnie have been front and centre during this ownership transition. Jodi and Dave Staley needed no introduction to the home hardware and lumber business itself – Jodi has run a Trim and Tile shop in Oakville and Dave has managed many Rona locations across the province. Together they have over 25 years experience in the business. But still, to have the Pentneys on their side during the "getting to know you" stage of the new ownership has been a terrific help.

The new owners immediately announced they'd be keeping the staff intact and promised to work together in the same manner that served the Pentneys so well over the years. Jodi also sees an opportunity to work with employees on a system of job descriptions to provide systematic avenues for advancement: Dave is intent on meeting the challenge of a rapidly expanding building market in a very competitive marketplace. And for this summer, Bonnie Pentney has agreed to stay on to oversee the garden and greenhouse division.

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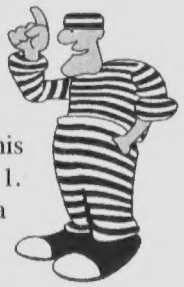
Dumb Criminals



On February 3, 1990, a Renton, Washington man tried to commit a robbery. This was probably his first attempt, as suggested by the fact that he had no previous record of violent crime, and by his terminally stupid choices as listed below: 1. The target was H&J Leather & Firearms, a gun shop. 2. The shop was full of customers, in a state where a substantial portion of the adult population is licensed to carry concealed handguns in public places. 3. To enter the shop, he had to step around a marked Police patrol car parked at the front door. 4. An officer in uniform was standing next to the counter, having coffee before reporting to duty. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a holdup and fired a few wild shots. The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, removing him from the gene pool. Several other customers also drew their guns, but didn't fire. No one else was hurt.

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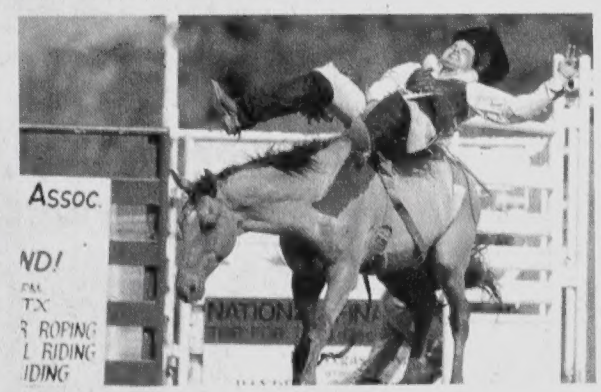

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Minden Home Hardware Open House Planned for June 4th

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In fact, all the Pentney family have been delighted with the way the transition has gone, particularly with Jodi and Dave's attitude to the employees, valued customers, and the store's long tradition.

It's no small task to take over one of the most successful businesses in Haliburton County. In a letter to their old friends and customers, the Pentneys urge that the Staleys be "welcomed into our community with the same enthusiasm you gave us."

On Saturday June 4th the Staleys plan a Grand Opening to welcome the Minden and Haliburton communities to a new and revitalized Minden Home Hardware and hope everyone can drop by and say hello!

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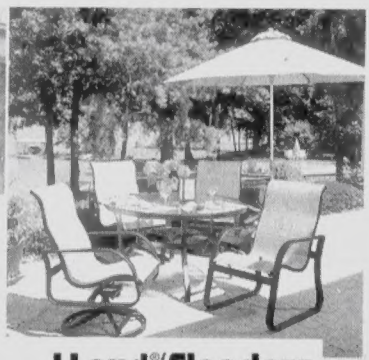

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Glass Blowing Classes Begin In April

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Artech Studios in Tory Hill

And if all that weren't enough, Terry and Jennifer are also building an exciting new space next to their house to be called the (k)nave Contemporary Art and Craft Gallery. Besides offering Terry's production glass pieces, the gallery will showcase works by various artists and artisans from Haliburton and beyond. Exhibits by Sir Sandford students will also be encouraged and long range plans include arts-in-residence programs.

Well, we said that this couple was ambitious, but listen to this. The grand opening of the (k)nave Gallery will take place in May, date to be announced in a few weeks. Not only will it feature the wild, flying angel sculptures of Sudbury artist Heather Topp, but Haliburton's own Outloud Womyn's Voices will be performing a special concert! Check the next issue of the Communicator for more details.

Meanwhile, Artech Studios will be offering its first weekend glassblowing workshops April 9th and 10th, 23rd and 24th, and April 30th and May 1st from 9 am to 4 pm each day. A Beadmaking and Jewelry Weekend is also being offered the weekend of April 9th and 10th, and a Portrait Drawing Workshop on April 23rd and 24th.

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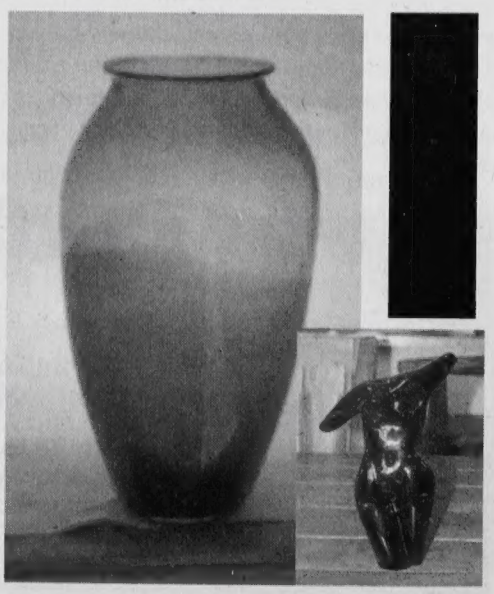

Minden Sears Catalog Store: New Owners & Plans For Expansion

To many people a Sears outlet store is just a place where you can pick up those items you ordered out of the catalogue, or return that pair of pants you thought might fit, but somehow didn't. But, as Rawn Lougheed will be happy to tell you, that's just the beginning of the story.

Rawn and her husband Lawrence bought the Sears outlet store and building earlier this year and ambitious expansion plans are already underway. Rawn has almost 25 years of experience in the Jug City convenience store business – her family sold the last two in January, 2004 - but she's pleasantly surprised at how personal and service oriented her new venture is proving to be. Along with long-time Sears employee Julie Houghton ("thank heavens she agreed to stay," says Rawn) the pair handle all manner of questions and orders from their customers. They guide people through the catalogue, give advice on new appliances and garden furniture, and soon will be offering what amounts to a virtual guided tour of all the thousands of Sears products.

Rawn (right) with Julie

Julie Houghton says it's always been a community store, even though people can always call the 1 800 number – 24/7. Julie says customers really enjoy dropping in and browsing the catalogues before they decide what to buy: "it's just much more personal than a number, and you get to say hello and chat."

Soon their new computer system will have a high-speed link to the Sears store site where Rawn and Julie will be able to give customers a really close and detailed look at store and catalogue products. Rawn is certain this will persuade even more customers to do their shopping in person. But even if you can't come down, Julie and Rawn are available by phone to help out with the catalogues – and they will be happy to place your order for you.

In the spring they plan a major expansion to the existing building to include a spacious showroom for appliances and home electronics. The expansion will also allow them much greater storage space. Rawn is delighted to be operating a Sears outlet store and acknowledges just how much the Sears name and catalogue really sells itself. "It's really the last great general catalogue company, and the company's long history of customer service is second to none," says Rawn. "And we plan to keep that history alive and well in Minden."

The Minden Sears store is open from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday. Once the new appliance and electronics showroom is open (likely by early summer), the Saturday hours will be extended. Sears now accepts Interac for your convenience. You can reach Rawn or Julie at 286-2401.

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September is Busy Birthday Month….

Q. What occurs more often in December than any other month? A. Conception.

Start spelling…

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you could find the letter "A"? Answer- One thousand. (Remember – only spell out the numbers not words as in one hundred and one – the and doesn't count)

Great Inventoresses….

Q. What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? A. All invented by women.

Spoil Me Honey!!…

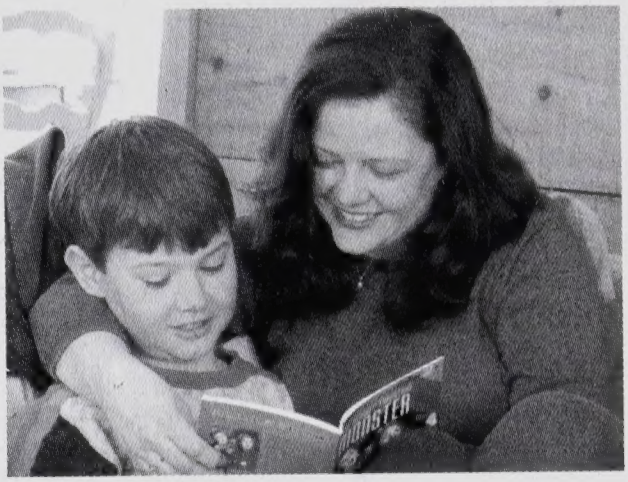
Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey (honey doesn't spoil – but you can still spoil your honey… right dear?!!! Just a personal reminder cause my Birthday is coming up!!)

New School To Be Called Tall Oaks Christian Academy

Fundraising Now Active To Determine if ACE School Is A Real Possibility

Sandy Stevens doesn't pull any punches: "We believe that God has a plan for each human being, and our job as parents is to realize that plan for our children. We're looking for about 10 to 12 families who want their children discipled and encouraged in their Christian journey."

A year ago Sandy travelled to Ecuador with a Christian mission and witnessed teachers using the Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum to great effect with young orphans. Sandy had dreamed of a Christian school in Haliburton for years, and when she returned to Haliburton she was determined to see if she could get one going. She became Executive Director last May of a local evangelical mission called Put The Word Into Action, (PTWIA) and soon a steering committee to investigate the possibility of a school was formed.



Sandy Stevens reads with her son Joel

Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) schools have been chartered in the United States for over 30 years and a Canadian version of the curriculum is in use in over 170 schools, including ones in Maynooth, Bancroft, and Peterborough. Last summer Sandy and another PTWIA member, Deanna Wruth, were trained in the ACE methods and this year have home-schooled their 10-year-old sons using the curriculum.

The core of the ACE system is what they call individualized learning, or instruction that proceeds at each student's pace. Students are intimately involved with developing their own goals – and are accountable for them. And each learning concept is accompanied by a Biblical verse. In this education system, the Bible and its lessons are central to every aspect of teaching. As the ACE mandate puts it, "Biblical values and concepts are considered foundational to productive living, and are conveyed through the curriculum in such a way as to become life-shaping influences." And, yes, the ACE curriculum is approved by The Ministry of Education, even though creationism is taught without apology (albeit with some mention of Darwin).

Sandy and her committee are now actively fundraising to determine if an ACE school here in Haliburton is a real possibility. The new school, to be called the Tall Oaks Christian Academy, will certainly have a clear mission: "To prepare, educate, and grow students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so that they choose to live in obedience to God's commands, thus developing a life of integrity that is committed to acts of service in Christ's name." The name itself comes from Isaiah: "They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour."

The committee's Cornerstone Fundraising Campaign hopes to raise enough funds for a fall start-up. About $30,000 is needed before the school can be launched, and it's hoped that roughly 20 students will attend. Annual school fees will be about $4000 per child, less if more than one family member attends. The staff will consist of two teachers/administrators, and one more part-time teacher. As well, parents will be required to assist the school as volunteers in classroom, administrative, and custodial duties.

On May 7th the Campaign is holding a spectacular fundraising dinner at Lakeview Baptist Church. Master Chef Daniel Ricart is providing a gourmet four-course meal including Rack of Lamb and Cornish Hen. Tickets are $85 per person, and may be purchased at Master's Book Store (after April 1st), or directly from Sandy Stevens at 705 457-9163.

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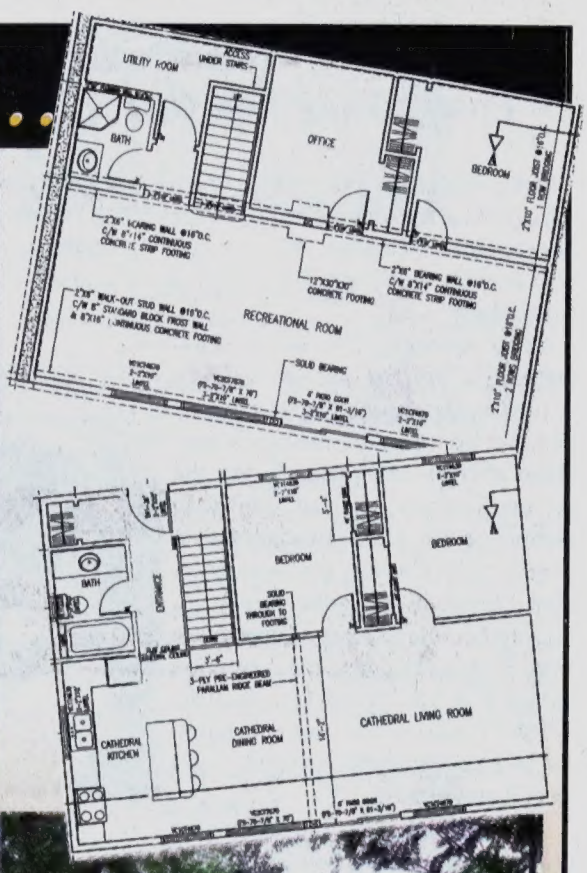

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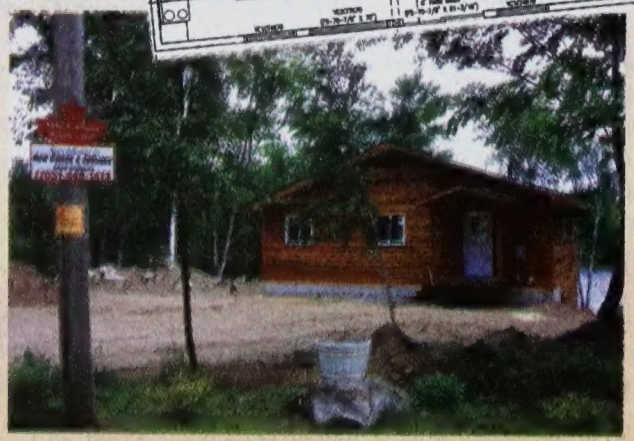

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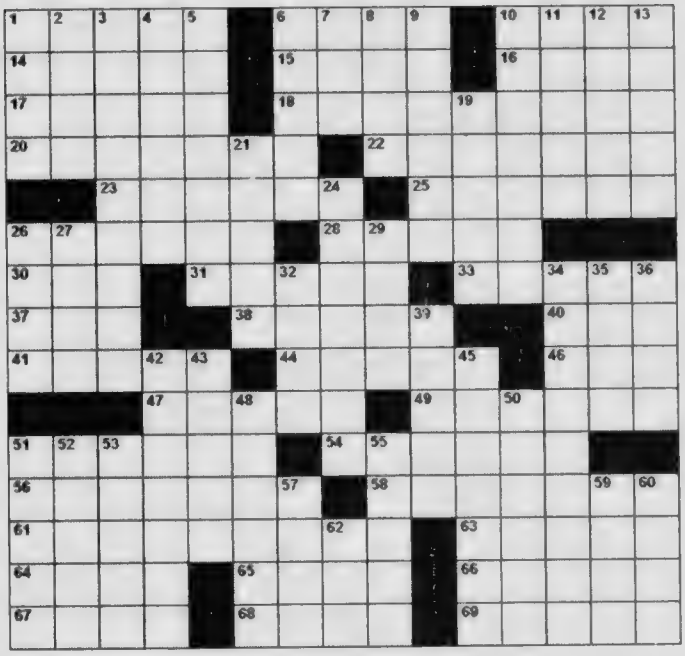

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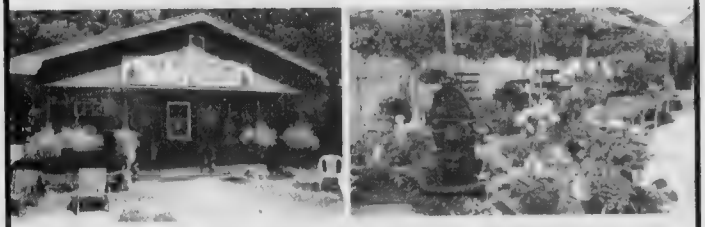

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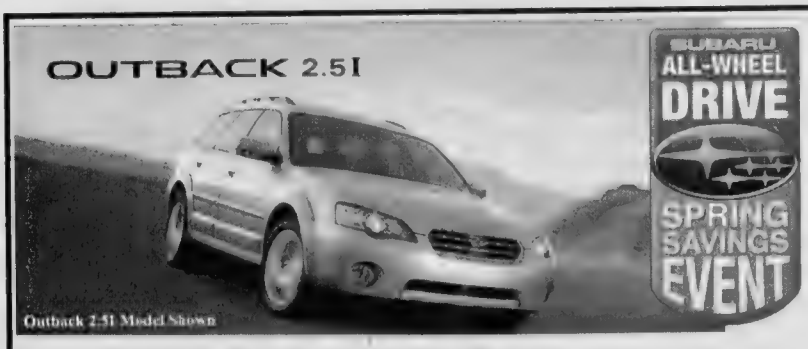

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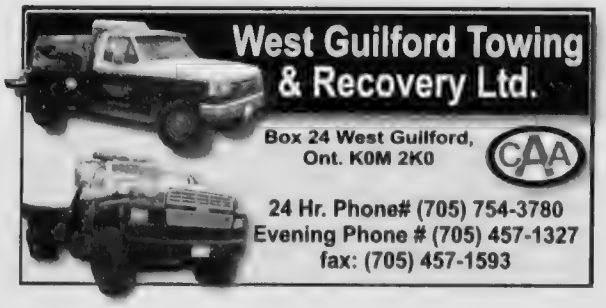

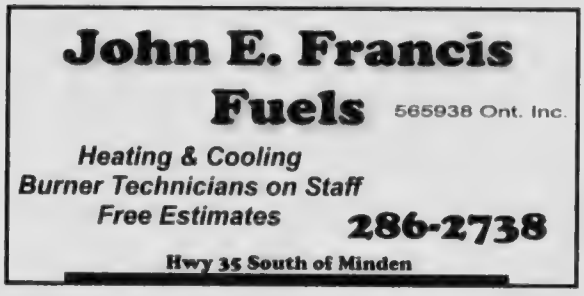

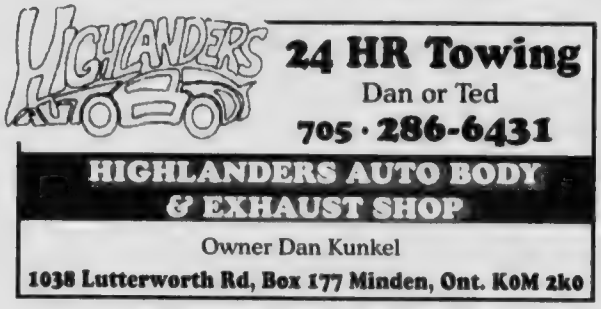

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The Curtain Rods

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When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimp shell dipped in caviar, into the hollow of the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days. Then slowly, the house began to smell. They tried everything,-cleaning, mopping, and airing the place out. Vents were checked for dead rodents, and carpets were steam cleaned. Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days, and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting.

Nothing worked. People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit. Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move. A month later, even though they had cut the price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house. Word got out, and eventually, even the local realtors refused to return their calls. Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

The ex-wife called the man, and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely, and said that she missed her old home terribly, and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back. Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on price that was about 1/10th of what the house had been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day. She agreed, and within the hour his lawyers delivered the paperwork.

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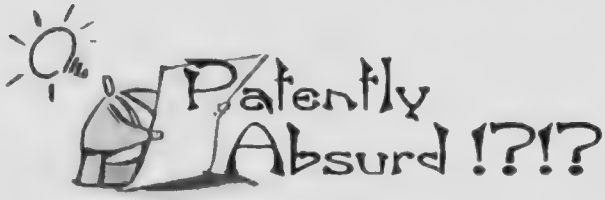

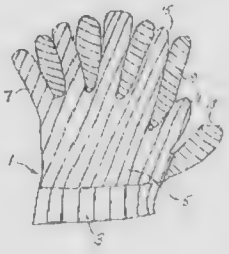

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For many years our local Chamber of Commerce was contracted to handle the tourism marketing chores, and had again this past fall submitted a carefully prepared tender to continue the work. But as the County went through the proposals, it decided that the time had come to join most other jurisdictions and do the job themselves.

As a result, The Chamber of Commerce is moving into a major transition with a shift of responsibilities effective April 1st, 2005. This is when the County of Haliburton will assume responsibilities for the Information Centre in Minden.

Chamber President Eric Christensen told The Communicator that he believes the decision will allow the Chamber "to concentrate on its real work, as an advocate for our members, the businesses of Haliburton County. "It also allows us to perform a watchdog role on how the County handles tourism development, for example, which we couldn't really do before."

Eric Christensen is also part of the committee interviewing the people who have applied for the Economic Development Officer position. When this person is in place the County will then advertise for a Tourism Marketing Officer. The Chamber Board and Staff are providing to the County their current expertise in marketing and economic development.

The Chamber's Mission...

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is a membership driven organization that strives to be the voice of business for Haliburton County.

"We are fully aware that we need to be and do the following to be an effective professional organization," wrote Mr. Christensen in a recent letter to area chamber members. He continues, "We will be the voice of all businesses in our community. We will communicate with, plan to visit and be concerned with all corners of our large County. We will remain financially viable and fiscally responsible through the ongoing activities and programs of our Chamber and our Membership."

All businesses can look to the Chamber as a source of information for: Advocacy for member issues, networking opportunities, business skills developments and leadership training.

Plan To Attend Public Meetings

To achieve these outcomes the chamber needs your assistance. "Our members input and participation will ultimately determine the success of our Chamber," says Mr. Christensen.

The chamber are planning two exciting Town Hall Meetings for members and non-members...

1. In Minden Tuesday March 22 at 7 pm, Room #3 at the Community Centre.
2. In Haliburton Tuesday March 29 at 7 pm, upstairs at the Dysart Arena/ Community Centre.

Please make plans to attend. The chamber is looking forward to working with you in 2005-06 and meeting with you again. Please contact chamber representatives through the office at 705-286-1760

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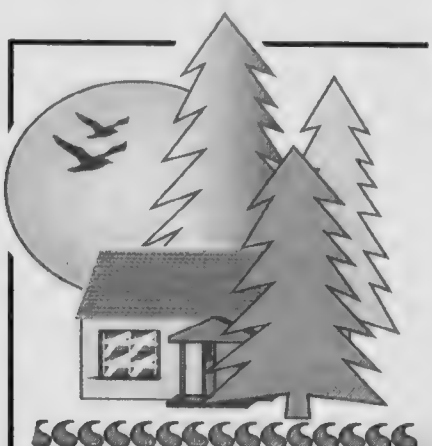

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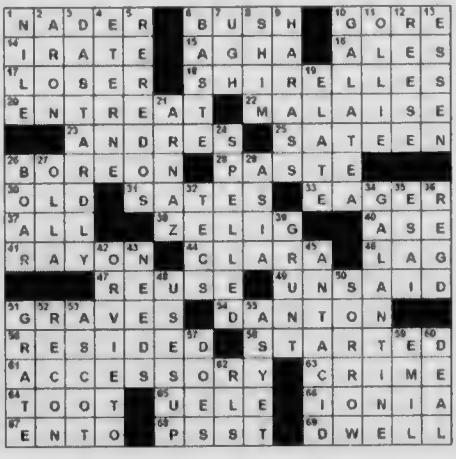
Cottage Roads and Private Property

Some cottagers in Haliburton gain access to their cottage properties by a road over another person's private property. The road may have started long ago, when an owner, in a neighbourly spirit, permitted a cottager to cut across the owner's private property as a convenience. Time passes, and cottage development increases with many cottagers using the road. The cottagers may now have the illusion that the private road is, in fact, a public road because of all the traffic. Indeed, cottage associations have litigated this very issue in the courts. Some have won, some have lost.

To prove that an erstwhile private road is a public road, there are three ancient legal principles involved. A road becomes a public road by reason of the dedication of the road by the owner of it as a right of passage for the public. "Dedication" means that the owner of the road has either said in so many words, or acted in such way, that the public may infer that the owner was willing that the public should have this right of passage. There must be an intention by the owner to dedicate the road. Often, this is difficult to prove by direct evidence because the original owner is long since dead so this issue is usually proven by circumstantial evidence only, such as the mere fact of the road's existence for a long period of time.

In addition to dedication and intention, the public must show an acceptance of the road as a public road. Factors which may prove this issue are whether public money has been spent on the road for maintenance and repairs and whether the road has been removed from the assessment rolls of the township where the road is situated. If the title to the road has remained in the name of the present owner and predecessors in title and they have paid the taxes on it, cottagers and their associations may lose the case in court rather than win it.

In the next column, I will be talking about abuse of the court's process.



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The Justice Circle

By Stephen Patrick

When a home or cottage is broken into, robbed, or vandalized, the reaction of the victims is almost always a combination of fear, violation, and, naturally, anger. Broken glass, smashed pictures, food and worse splattered on the walls – these are unforgettable images that won't go away. That new DVD player can be easily replaced, but the feeling that a precious space will never be the same again can go on for a very long time.

For example, one victim of a local cottage break-and-enter remembers finding her young son, a year later, hiding things away in secret places for fear the thieves might come back.

When teenagers, or Young Offenders as the guilty are called, commit these crimes, they end up with a record, sometimes with jail time, sometimes on probation. The teenager and his or her family suffer (and sometimes never recover). The victims are rarely compensated, either financially or emotionally.

But there is some hope for both offender and victim. For the last five years, due to the tireless efforts of local citizens and organizations, the Haliburton Youth Justice Program, also known as the Community Justice Circle, has been providing a successful alternative to traditional justice for many young people and their victims.

Donna Austin is the Co-ordinator of the program. She traces its origins in Haliburton back to 1998 when staff at the Haliburton High School and a Family Services therapist convened a version of a justice circle to deal with an incidence of youth violence. The process was successful and was immediately noticed by CAVA, Haliburton's Committee Against Violence and Abuse, an umbrella organization representing many different institutions and organizations.

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After two years of endless work, consultation, community education days, and formal input from the OPP, youth workers, the Crown Attorney's Office, and the Director of Family Services, the Youth Justice Program was ready to do business. Donna Austin attended her first young offender court session in January 2000, and the program has never looked back.

Since 2002, the program has been funded by Ontario's Attorney General and administered by Family Services, but it would never have survived the first few years without the determination of our community, Donna Austin and the support of Family Services.

So how does this program work, and just who benefits?

Donna Austin receives referrals mainly from the Crown Attorney and the OPP when they feel a young offender and the victim might benefit from the program. Donna then attends court, gathers the brief, and starts to work. "You need to be absolutely certain of just what you're dealing with. You need to convince the kid's family and the victims that this will actually work."

"A Justice Circle is then convened with offender, the victim, their families, and a trained facilitator. Together, they discuss the offence, how they've all been affected, and together develop a plan to restore the harm that's been caused."

The offender is given the chance to understand exactly what impact his actions have had on other people and his community. The victim gets a chance to explain just what harm has been done, and what might be done by the offender to repair that harm. Victims then have a real input in how to "right a wrong". And the young offender gets a chance to learn about consequences and in the process avoid detention, or worse.

The OPP have been staunch supporters of the program from the beginning, although it's fair to say initially there was some healthy scepticism. But now officers can even refer young people directly to Donna in a "pre-charge program" and avoid a formal charge if they participate properly and fully.

But this is tough work. Victims are sometimes so angry and hurt they can't see any value in a process they might mistakenly see as wimpy and "touchy-feely." Offender's families are often defensive

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The Justice Circle

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or feel threatened. However, the results show without a doubt that the system can work for both sides. Even if full financial restitution is not possible, for example, many victims come to see that there are other ways to gain a measure of healing.

Community service, genuine remorse, and a desire to change are rewards in themselves. Donna has seen many cases where the victim has eventually felt deep pride in their role in the process. It's important to point out as well that the Judge and the Court continue to have a role in these cases. The Judge must still approve agreements reached in the Circle, for example.

Donna Austin is convinced that part of the success of the program is due to the close-knit nature of the Haliburton community and the fact that the number of agencies involved is necessarily limited. There's only one police force, for example.

Certainly, not all circles are successful. As Donna puts it, "kids don't always comply with the conditions of the circle. And the results are not always 100% satisfactory to the victim. But neither is our traditional justice system, and it's been operating a few hundred years longer than most of these programs."

If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question ?

Even so, it's clear that the efforts of all these Haliburton individuals, law enforcements agencies, and supporting institutions are making the Justice Circle a very positive alternative for both victims and young offenders.

For more information, please contact Donna Austin at the Family Services offices, 705457-5345, ext.314.

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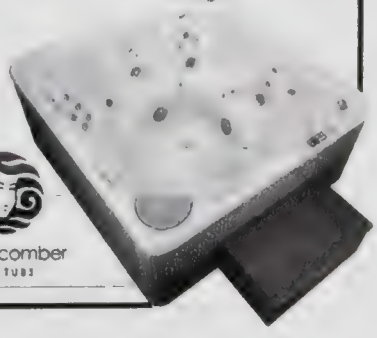

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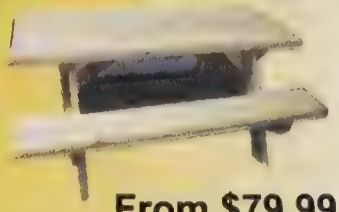

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ADVANCED ECONOMICS: The kindergarten class at St. Catherine's school in Melbourne, Vic., Australia, painted a picture as part of a fundraiser for the school. John Ilhan's daughter, who had helped paint the picture, wanted it, so Ilhan, a millionaire, "put a couple of hundred dollars down for it," he said. He says another parent objected, telling him "her pockets were deeper than mine." A bidding war erupted over the picture, which he described as having "a couple of children on it, a couple of animals and a flower, at least I think that's what they were." But Ilhan dropped out when the price "got seriously out of hand" — at A$75,000 (US$54,200). A spokesman for Southebys auction house noted that "for that money you could buy works by every major artist in this country, from colonial times through to contemporary."

TIMING IS EVERYTHING: Lyle Wray, 54, has had it and is quitting his job as the "affordable housing advocate" for the non-profit Ventura County (Calif.) Civic Alliance. The job is fine, it's just that he can't find a house in the county that he can afford with his $80,000 per year salary. "This is the most beautiful place I've ever lived in," Wray says. "I just can't afford to live here." The median price for a single-family residence in the county is $440,000 — up 26 percent since Wray took his job a year ago. His new employment: the affordable housing advocate for West Hartford, Conn.

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Edgar Wylie Benefit Dance For Keegan Kyle March 26th

What could be better than getting out of the house, watching a great live band, dancing the night away, and helping a great cause all at the same time? Well be sure to come on out Saturday March 26th as the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton is holding a benefit dance for 11 year old Keegan Kyle.

Keegan is a young resident of Kennisis lake who was born with only one working kidney which is only the size of a twoonie, and will not remain strong enough to keep up with Keegan as he grows and matures. Keegans older brother Korey (19) has bravely decided to donate one of his kidneys to Keegan. On May 3rd, operations will take place in Toronto. Although there are some disability benefits available, none will cover costs of family members having to stay out of town which can be extremely costly. Keegan is expected to have to stay in hospital for a full month, and remain in Toronto for another two months for daily check ups. Korey will require significant recovery time as well.

Be sure to come out to the dance and lend a helping hand to the Kyle family on March 26th. Dance starts at 8:30 pm and tickets are available for $10 each at the door or in advance at Haliburton Timbr Mart.

Heritage Day in Dorset... Antique Vendors Needed

The Dorset Heritage Museum is putting out a call for interested antique vendors for the upcoming one day outdoor, rain or shine event- "Heritage Day in Dorset". The event will be held on July 16th in the beautiful hamlet of Dorset on the shores of Lake of Bays. If you would like to book space for the event, please call (705) 766-2246 or email : kerrylock@sympatico.ca.

Get Your Tickets Now For "Sounds Of Spring" Musical Concert

It's music to your ears... the Sounds Of Spring – and it's more than a chirping bird that you will hear at the Minden United Church on Sunday, May 29th. Come and enjoy the 'Sounds of Spring" Musical Concert beginning at 2:30 p.m. featuring the "Barons of Barbershop".

This fundraising event is sponsored by the Minden United Church Choir. Tickets: Adults $12.00, Children under 12 $5.00. Tickets available at: Pharmasave Drug Store, Minden Choir Members, or call 286-6307.

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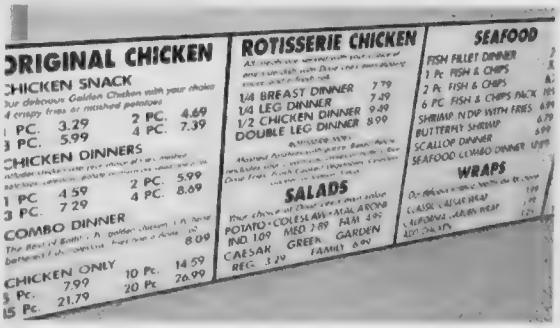
Mr D's Now Dixie Lee With Some Of Mr. D's Old Fav's Still On The Menu

Doug O'Neill and his sister Pat just can't get enough of that Dixie Lee Chicken! On March 1st they took over the ever-popular Mr. D's Donuts in the Heritage Plaza in Minden in order to convert it into the family's third Dixie Lee Chicken franchise.

But Pat and Doug realized from the outset that Mr. D.'s loyal breakfast and lunch customers deserved some respect, and so the breakfast and lunch hours and menu will remain the same. Doug points out that Dixie Lee is a smart, progressive franchise company that doesn't demand that every outlet be the same: they are flexible, and besides, Dixie Lee knows the O'Neills deliver success.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Pat was the first employee of the original Bancroft Dixie Lee 25 years ago when she was just a teenager. Later she became a valued full-time employee, and 13 years ago bought the very successful franchise for herself. Some 10 years ago her brother Doug moved back to the area and established a new franchise in Barry's Bay which has become another terrific success story. And older sister Connie Wilson works at the Bancroft store and fills in as manager when Pat's away (or working on the new store in Minden).

Doug points out that "Dixie Lee are always willing to listen to you and toss around new ideas of what might work for each individual outlet. They really respect the knowledge and experience of their individual owners. So we're a Dixie Lee franchise, all right, but we're also a general family restaurant serving hearty breakfasts and lunches just like Mr. D.'s used to do."

Renovations are in full progress at the restaurant, with new benches, booths and countertops, and of course, the Dixie Lee cooking equipment is being installed. Doug and Pat have retained all of Mr. D.'s staff and look forward to re-training for Dixie Lee, where necessary. "It's a hands-on business," says Doug, "and we really enjoy training and working with our staff." The Minden outlet counts 13-14 full-and part-time employees, and more will be hired as the summer comes on.

The Dixie Lee chain is now featuring a new line of Healthy Meals including Rotisserie Chicken and seafood. Founded in Belleville in 1964, this all-Canadian company now boasts more than 100 stores with sales in excess of $50 million per annum. A U.S. expansion has begun, with two stores established and another 97 in the works.

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The Story of Peter Pan Comes To Life at Last Razzamataz Show of the Season

By Jennifer Paton

YMCA Wanakita will ring with children's laughter on Sunday, April 10, when Dufflebag Theatre brings the story of "Peter Pan" to life at the last Razzamataz Kids' Show of the season.

Some folks might remember Dufflebag Theatre's last trip to Haliburton, when they performed "Beauty and The Beast" at Wanakita three years ago for Razzamataz. Certainly the audience members who performed the roles of Beauty, the prince and Beauty's father will remember. Dufflebag Theatre brings members of the audience up on stage to play major roles in the show, adding a quality of improvisation to the story. And everyone in the audience participates by shouting at Peter or growling at Captain Hook. One little girl who was two when she saw "Beauty and the Beast" can still exclaim "Horrible, Nasty Beast! Oh, My!" three years later. The four actors from Dufflebag Theatre bring favourite stories to life with energy and creativity, providing laughter and happy memories for all. The fun starts at 2 p.m. Adult tickets are $8, children $5 and those under 2 are free.

Razzamataz Kids' Shows wishes to thank YMCA Wanakita, Minden Home Hardware and Building Supplies, and Patient News Publishing for their generosity in sponsoring this performance. Please support our sponsors, because they help us bring high quality live children's entertainment to Haliburton at very reasonable ticket prices. YMCA Wanakita hosts our spring performance every year, and provides delicious refreshments, too!

Speaking of tickets, it's Early Bird time again – time to save money on next season's pass by purchasing now. An Early Bird season pass is just $15 for four shows, for an adult or child, so you save up to $17 off buying tickets at the door, and several dollars off the price of a season pass next fall. Current season pass holders should receive the Early Bird brochure in the mail shortly, or you can pick one up at "Peter Pan."

The 2005 – 2006 Razzamataz Kids' Shows! season looks terrific. Some old friends will return: Really Little Theatre, who brought us "The Nightengale" a few years ago, will perform "Holiday Dream" to show us what might happen if every day was a holiday. Do you remember the giant monkey or the spitting fish from "Colonel Quackhorn?" Join Hands Puppeteers return with "Captain Matt's Treasure Hunt" with a theme of books and reading. Then Barry O'Neil will bring us "The Barry O Kids' Show" and "Fizzical Fizzicks" combine circus skills and comedy with the wonder of science. Four Sunday afternoons for you and your children or grandchildren to remember for a lifetime.

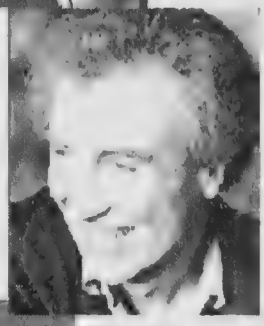
For inquiries about "Peter Pan" or next season, call Stacey Bennett at 286-4511 or Amy Klose at 457-4266.

2005 Concert Series Starts April 30th with "Wingfield on Ice"

The Haliburton Concert Series 2005 at the Northern Lights Pavilion has three exciting concerts lined up for your enjoyment this year. There is a series ticket for this year meaning you can buy all three tickets for only $50. This is a great bargain as single tickets are sold for $30 a piece for only one show.

Wingfeild

The first performance happens on Saturday April 30th with 'Wingfeild on Ice'. Walt is back with Ron Beattie- a show written by Dan Needles and directed by Doug Beattie. The show is back in Haliburton just in time to bring a thaw into our lives. Rod Beattie brings his hilarious award-winning alter ego Walt Wingfield in this fifth in the smash hit series of Wingfield plays. Hugely successful with audiences and critics, this heart-warming peek into the lives of the folks in Persephone.



David Warrack

' Wingfield on Ice' stars Rod Beattie as the stockbroker turned gentleman farmer, Walt Wingfield. Indeed, Beattie plays and entire village of brilliantly conceived characters, including Walt's wife Maggie. Now married with wife expecting, Walt is overwhelmed with the idea of fatherhood and wants to bring peace to the whole community. Of course chaos ensues when the Mother-of-all ice storms hits home, and bickering neighbors are forced to hunker down together. Wingfield to the rescue! Plaid shirts. Ice storms. Making babies. All the ingredients for a smash hit comedy- Canadian style. The Globe and Mail quotes: "Once again, Beattie…darts delightedly from one figure to the next.. through his powerful gift of mimicry."

Mark Dubois

Sunday October 2 - Mark Dubois and David Warrack are hitting the stage together to create a fantastic musical alchemy. Mark Dubois has long reigned as Canada's finest lyric tenor. He has performed with all major Canadian opera companies, symphonic orchestras and choral societies, has appeared frequently on CBC Radio and has released numerous recordings. David Warrack is, of course the complete artist-composer of over fifty musicals, conductor, arranger, pianist and all-around showman. He is the accompanist that all singers vie for. He is also the conductor-founder of the newly formed Canada Pops Orchestra. Their duo show will feature opera, art songs, folksongs, inspirational songs, musical theatre, pop standards as well as quite a few surprises. This magical musical match is the consummate crossover concert!

Scott St. John

Saturday November 5th- Scott St. John will capture your musical attention through riveting performances on violin and viola. Scott is a graduate of the Curtis Institute and prize-winner of numerous competitions and awards including a 2003 Avery Fisher Career Grant. He has delighted recital and chamber audiences around the globe stretching from Japan's Casals Hall to New York's Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. He currently serves on the faculty of the University of Toronto. "Salon Parisien," on CBC Records, is his newest release.

All three performances are in the evening and start at 7:30 pm. To find out more information and find out where to purchase tickets for these shows, call 457-9731.

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Become A Voting Member of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation

The ninth annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Minden.

2005/06 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a *resident of", or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Township of Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars ($10). 2004/05 membership will end at the close of the June 23rd Annual General Meeting.

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by March 28th.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least thirty days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

The fee may be paid and a membership card obtained at the Haliburton or Minden Hospitals during regular business hours, or by contacting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, P.O. Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario. K0M 1S0 or 705-457-4508 telephone and 705-457-1071 facsimile.

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Daffodil Volunteers Needed

As the Canadian Cancer Society launches its annual Daffodil Month Campaign in April, the need for continuing support from the public remains strong. Not only will one in three Canadians be diagnosed with cancer in his or her lifetime, but cancer remains the leading cause of premature death (death earlier than the average life expectancy).

Volunteers are needed in the Minden area to canvass door to door for two to three hour shifts in the Cancer Society's most important fundraiser of the year. Volunteers are also required for shifts on March 31st, April 1st and 2nd. There will also be Daffodil sales locations set up at various locations throughout the county.

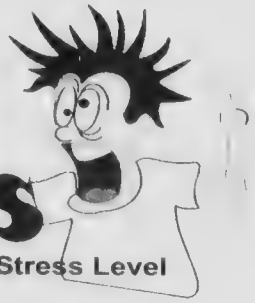
When a volunteer comes to see you please give generously. After all, it could be a disease that one day affects you or someone close to you and every little bit helps toward finding a cure. If you would be interested in helping out this year, please contact Phyllis at 457-2824 or visit www.cancer.ca.

Workshop Will Change the Way You View Seniors and Disabled

Imagine this for a moment. When you walk, your legs feel heavy and slow. It is difficult to navigate through crowds and dense traffic. When you read, the words are blurred so you cannot distinguish them. When you listen, background noises muffle conversation so you cannot understand. This can be the life of a senior citizen or a person with disabilities.

You can come see for yourself what this can actually feel like in a two-hour experimental workshop called "Through Other Eyes", presented by Community Care Haliburton (formerly Home Support Services). In the workshop, participants wear devices that simulate the limitations caused by aging and disabilities, and then complete a number of activities. The workshop is sure to change the way you view clients, seniors, or disabled people.

The workshop is being held on April 13th at Community Care Drop in Centre (Halco Plaza- Haliburton) from 10 am to noon. Cost is $30 per person but no charge for Community Care volunteers. Seating is limited so reserve today by calling Roxanne at 457-2941.



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Get Your Tickets Now For Hospital Auxiliary Spring Fling Tea & Fashion Show

The Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary is proud to present the Spring Fling Spring Tea and Fashion Show on Sunday May 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The show features fashions by Bigleys, refreshments by the Wigamog Inn, door prizes, and special tasting by Lacey International Wines. The show will take place at the Common Room in the Wigamog Inn with all proceeds going towards the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary site for new and ongoing projects such as new equipment for the hospital and long term care. Tickets for the show are $20. For tickets or more information please call 457-3919.

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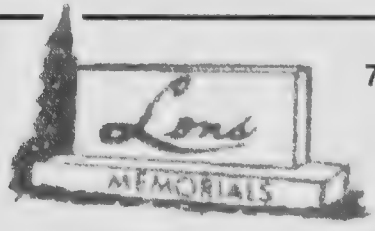

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Marjorie Ludlow Green Guest Speaker At Upcoming Genealogy Meeting

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will hold their regular meeting Wednesday, April 13th, upstairs at the Minden Legion. Doors open at 6pm. The Speaker at 7pm will be Marjorie Ludlow Green, local Author, Editor and Educator. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. No charge. For more details contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.

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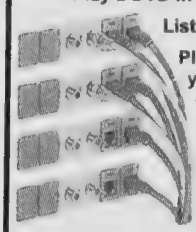

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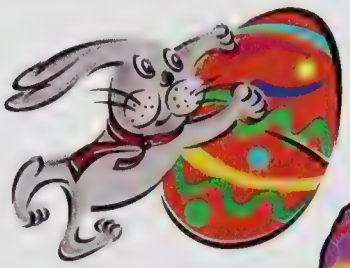

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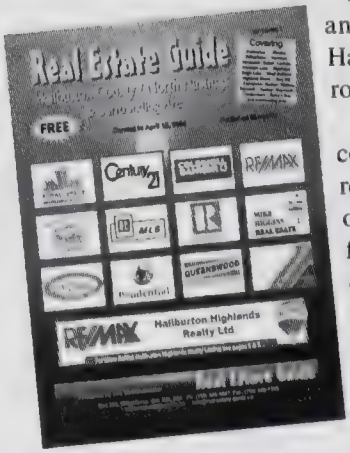

The Highlands Communicator is pleased to announce it's newest publication, The Haliburton County / North Hastings and Surrounding Area Real Estate Guide.

This new publication is a completely full colour magazine that is filled with local area real estate listings, as well as advertisements of home builders, mortgage companies, legal firms and other agencies and companies that deal in the real estate market.

The guide covers and is distributed in the entire Haliburton County area, and as well North Hastings County including Bancroft, Maynooth. It also covers real estate in the surrounding areas such as Apsley, Barry's Bay, Combermere, Whitney, Lake St. Peter and parts of the City of Kawartha Lakes such as Kinmount.

The new colourful guide is FREE for everyone to pick up, and will be available on local newsstands, in various locations throughout the area such as convenience stores, and in some of the real estate offices.

With real estate facing a boom this year, we felt it was time to do a guide that would make shopping for real estate in this area a lot easier. The guide will feature listings from a variety of offices in and around the coverage area – all in one neat and colourful package making it easy to find that perfect new home or lot.

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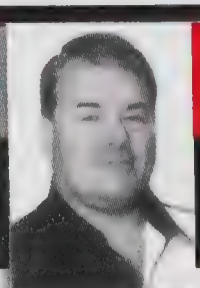

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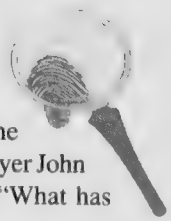

Detective Minden arrived on the scene of the crime just after Constable Gelert. The local lawyer John Suehim had been fatally shot in his office. "What has happened here?" asked Minden.

"Unclear sir. Constable Irondale was first on the scene. He's just finished talking with the secretary now. Let's ask him," replied Gelert.

"I've arrested a suspect, Mr. Joe Crimanal. He was recently represented by the lawyer, Mr. Suehim, in a drunk driving case. It appears he lost the case, and Joe was quite angry with him. He had an appointment with the lawyer this morning. There could be motive here, and there was definitely opportunity. Joe even admits firing his gun in the office at the time of the murder. The secretary says Mr. Crimanal was in the office with the lawyer at 8:45. She say's he then came out and told her that Suehim was on the phone and he was going to get a coffee, and. He told her he'd be back," said Irondale.

Case of the Sharp Shooter

"Please continue," said Minden.

"So anyway, he comes back a few minutes later with the coffee, and goes back into Suehim's office. The secretary then hears two shots, and Joe Crimanal comes running out of the office with a gun in his hand and tells her to call the police."

What's Mr.Crimanal's story?" asked Minden.

"Well, he says he was in the office, when a man came to the window, called Mr.Suehim over and shot him through the window. He says, he shot back at the assailant through the window. The problem is that, the lawyer was shot with a .22 caliber bullet and Joe Crimanal had a .38 with only one shot fired. Looks like he could be telling the truth sir."

"There is a way he could have done it," said Irondale. "Seize his vehicle, and do a complete search of the area," said Minden.

What are Detective Minden's thoughts?

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GHOST STORIES

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Kitchener - Joseph Schneider House

The beautiful and historic Joseph Schneider house on Queen Street South in downtown Kitchener may have more than just it's Mennonite past to be reflected on in this lovely restored home.

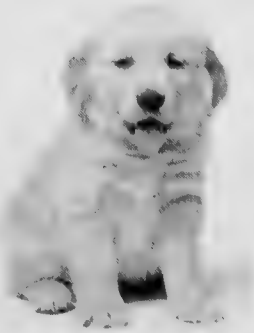
Built in 1840 and acting as a museum today, it's also home to a "mysterious" woman who appears in one of the mirrors in the upstairs areas of the home.

She is seen snipping something with her scissors (John Robert Colombo calls her "The Phantom Seamstress" in the book, *Mysteries of Ontario*,) and has been seen to get up and move into the kitchen where, of course, she disappears.

There has been much discussion on ghosts and mirrors and not only in the above mentioned book but also in other "reports" received about the museum. The ghost is only seen in the mirror but also, there has been reports saying there is an uncanny sense of being "watched" or not being alone.

About the Joseph Schneider House

This house, constructed in 1820 by Joseph Schneider (1772-1843), is the oldest surviving dwelling in Kitchener. Built of frame and originally covered with roughcast, it has been little changed externally since 1850. Schneider, a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, purchased this lot in April, 1807 in the German Company tract in Waterloo Township. He arrived here in June of that year, and after clearing his farm and cutting a road along the line of Queen Street, built a sawmill in 1816. Shortly thereafter a small settlement began to form along "Schneider's Road", partly on his land, which became the village of "Berlin" and the nucleus of the city of Kitchener.



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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

HAVE I EVER lied to you? Of course not, and I'm not about to begin now. Although today's entry boggles the imagination, the crimes I am about to relate here are well documented and are absolutely authentic.

They involve a weird Chinese gentleman who relished pulling off strange and profitable crimes in England and France. The gentleman in question is Hanoi Shan, a native of Tonkin Province in China.

When disaster struck, Shan was the governor of the province. He was a tall, well proportioned man of good character. While hunting elephants, he was picked up by one of the mammoth beasts and tossed against a tree like a ragdoll. Rushed to hospital more dead than alive, Shan amazed doctors by surviving. After spending months in hospital, he was released.

But Shan was no longer the handsome man that he had been. His horrible experience left his body deformed and mangled. His legs were short stubs. His arms were thin as broom handles and hung well below his knees. Shan's face was a twisted, grotesque caricature of a once-handsome man.

Enter The Death Room Mme Celestine Offered A Reward Of 100 Francs To Anyone Who Would Spend The Night In Room 14

BITTER, HATEFUL

The man who left the hospital had internal injuries as well, one that no doctor could heal. His experience had left him bitter and hateful. When a native uprising forced Shan to leave his province, he fled to Paris, where he devoted the rest of his life to crime.

Due to his meticulous planning and superior intelligence, he and his gang had soon pulled off enough robberies to finance his other nefarious operations.

Shan loved diamonds. As a result, he was drawn to the Hotel d'Amsterdam on Rue Lhomond, which, in 1906, was known to be frequented by diamond dealers from Antwerp and Amsterdam. The prosperous little hotel was owned by Madame Celestine, a buxom French lady who was all business.

On a sunny Wednesday, an Englishman named Calvert arrived at the Hotel d'Amsterdam. He was loaded down with diamonds, which he proudly displayed to Mme Celestine. Calvert was given Room 14. On the Friday following his arrival, he retired early. On Saturday morning, a waiter attempting to serve breakfast could get no response from Room 14. Mme Celestine was summoned and gained entrance to the locked room with her pass key. She took one look at Calvert and shouted, "Il est mort!"

Madame had good reason for making such an astute announcement. Mr. Calvert was hanging from a hook cemented into the wall. The hook was normally used to hold a curtain rod. The cord from the curtains had been used by Calvert to hang himself. The man's face was contorted in fear as if he had witnessed a horrible sight just before death.

Strangely enough, his knees were bent back in a kneeling position with only the tips of his toes touching the floor. Police realized that the apparent suicide was a man of strong conviction. He could have avoided death by merely straightening out his legs so his feet touched the floor. No diamonds were found on Calvert or in Room 14. It was assumed he probably delivered the diamonds in the days before he committed suicide.

Two weeks later, a French diamond courier, M. Valdagne, spent Friday night in Room 14. On Saturday morning, he was found hanging in the same manner and from the same hook as the unfortunate Mr. Calvert. Valdagne had the same look of horror on his face and his legs were also bent at the knees. He too could have saved his life by merely straightening his legs. It was a weird coincidence. Or was it? Police wondered if Valdagne had read details of the previous suicide and decided to copy them. Maybe he had been contemplating suicide and was drawn through the power of suggestion to kill himself in a similar manner.

News of the carbon copy suicide made all the Parisian papers. Mme Celestine's business dropped off appreciably. In order to stifle the rumours being spread about her establishment, she offered a reward of 100 francs to anyone who would spend the night in Room 14.

M. Cassoute, a police officer, took up the challenge and spent a night in Room 14 without incident. His feat was widely reported, but there were those sceptics who believed Cassoute had survived because he hadn't spent a

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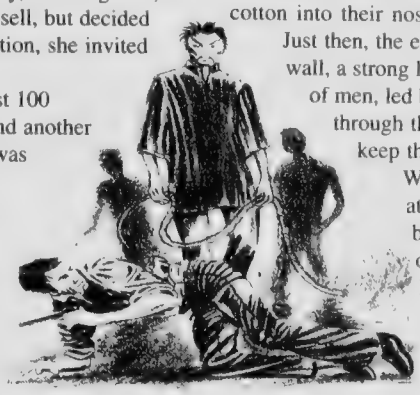
Friday night in the fateful room.

Business continued to decline until Mme Celestine's establishment was virtually empty. The proprietor of the adjoining property, Li Hang Foo, offered to purchase the hotel. Celestine was tempted to sell, but decided to make one last effort to save the business. In desperation, she invited Cassoute to spend a Friday night in the death room.

Cassoute reasoned that this was going to be the easiest 100 francs he had ever earned. He readily consented to spend another night in the room, which many Parisians now thought was possessed by evil spirits.



On Saturday morning, Cassoute was found in the same condition and position as his predecessors. Newspapers had a field day – a haunted house in the middle of Paris. What horrible sight had the dead men seen just before death? Why did they not straighten out their feet and avoid death?

A young medical student, Ricardo Garibaldi, obtained Mme Celestine's permission to investigate the mystery. She decided, with police co-operation, to allow Ricardo to check into Room 14 on a Monday. Twice a day and each evening, he received a telephone call from police. Everything was just fine. The phone was on a table within arm's reach. Should it even be disturbed, an alarm would go off at police headquarters.

Friday night rolled around. Next morning Ricardo was found hanging from that hook in the same position as the other three victims.

Dr. Alphonse Bertillon, famed French pioneer in the use of fingerprints as a method of identification, was brought into the case. He examined the body and the curtain cord. Dr. Bertillon noted the bruising of the neck was made by a much larger rope than the curtain cord. He believed all four victims had been throttled. Their knees were bent until rigour mortis set in. It was then that the victims were placed in the curtain cord noose.

Bertillon felt that the killer or killers were gaining access to the room and overpowering the victims before simulating the suicides. He believed the only way they could gain entry to Room 14 was via Li Hang Foo's building attached to the hotel. He and the police devised a scheme to apprehend the diabolic killers.

An undercover police officer, posing as a diamond dealer, checked into the hotel. He took Room 14.

The Surete were informed that a similar suicide murder had taken place in London, England. It was believed there that a master criminal named Hanoi Shan was behind the murders. The Surete were convinced Shan was in cahoots with Li Hang Foo. What's more, they thought the victims had all inhaled some sort of gas which rendered them unconscious.

One undercover agent was smuggled into Room 14. He stayed under the bed. The other agent, the bogus diamond dealer, used the room as a regular patron. Both were equipped with chemically treated cotton balls to be slipped into their nostrils if needed.

HIDDEN PIPE

On Friday night, the undercover agent sat with his pistol in his coat pocket. In the wee hours of the morning, he was reading by the light of a lone lamp when a nasty smell permeated the room. He noted that the smell was coming from a hidden pipe near a heat register. He and his companion under the bed began to feel woozy and immediately stuffed the cotton into their nostrils.

Just then, the entire far wall of the room moved out. From behind the wall, a strong light shone into the undercover agent's eyes. A horde of men, led by a disfigured monster, approached him. Breathing through the cotton, the two undercover agents were able to keep their wits.

Without hesitation, they opened fire. Three would-be attackers were badly wounded. Several others retreated behind the wall through a tunnel to the establishment of Li Hang Foo. Police had both buildings surrounded. Five men were apprehended. One who managed to get away was the master criminal Hanoi Shan.

All the assassins received lengthy prison sentences. They were men working in Shan's gang.

Li Hang Foo had co-operated with Shan and his gang with the understanding he would be able to purchase the Hotel d'Amsterdam at a giveaway price when Mme Celestine was forced to sell. The murders in Room 14 had been profit motivated.

Simulating suicides on Friday nights and continuing to kill when the profit motive was removed served only to satisfy the strange whims of Hanoi Shan.

Shan was never taken into custody for any of his crimes. He was later killed in a dispute over money by a member of his own organization.

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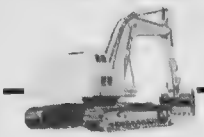

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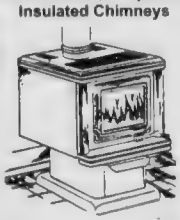

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Saturday, March 26
in Wilberforce at The Lloyd Watson Centre, the United Churches of Wilberforce and Gooderham (9:00AM-2:00PM) are having a Spring Bake & Craft Sale, specializing in chocolate Easter eggs.

MapleFest "All You Can Eat" Pancake / Sausage Brunch & Bake Sale
Saturday, April 2 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lochlin United Church – Lochlin Rd. off Country Rd. 1. Adults $6.00 Under 12 - $3.00. Preschoolers FREE.

Spaghetti Supper
April 9th – 5-7 p.m.
Zion United Church – Carnarvon - $10 per person, $5 for children under 12. Entertainment provided. For tickets call 489-1715 or 489-2634. Tickets are also available at the door. Come one come all and have some fun!!

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There were 9sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads: County Sign & Display, Butcher Block, Prentice Power Sports, Peppermill, Community Care, Tri-County Distributors, Royal LePage (David Lee), Cottage Keeper Maid Service, Mike's Bobcat Service.

The winner of last month's Spot Sam contest is Cecil S. Robinson of Haliburton.

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For more information about Haliburton Highlands Health Services, please visit our website at www.hhhs.on.ca

Please send resume to:
Ms. Kimberley Hicks, RD
Director of Food Services
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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For More Information call 447-2977

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES
For The Health Of The Highlands

Vacancies will soon exist on the Board of Directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corp.

The HHHS has a broad mandate to oversee and develop an integrated health service.
Volunteers interested in the health services of our area should forward a letter, with resume/ C,V., By April 30, 2005.
Volunteers interested in participating on Board Committees are also welcome to apply.

Robert Eaton, Chair, Nominating Committee
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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Fax to: 705-457-1071
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Kalan Porter Performs At Academy Theatre

It's not a far drive, and there is a lot of people who make the trip to our neighbouring town of Lindsay to enjoy the many entertaining events taking place at the historic Lindsay Academy Theatre – so we have decided to let you know, about some of the great upcoming attractions. Why not plan to spend an evening out and enjoy a show or two this year.

You might be surprised as to some of the great acts that grace the stage that's only a short drive away. An example would be the recent performance by Canadian Idol's newest star, Kalan Porter. Tickets were sold out in less than 1 hour, but our newest on-the-scene at the academy reporter was there to capture the moment...

The Acedemy Theatre Presents....

By Gloria Welsh

It's concert night at the Lindsay Academy Theatre for Performing Arts, Friday, March 4. Kalan Porter's name looms large on the marquee. The Canadian Idol cutie has been touring for several months across Canada, gracing small town venues with his emerging rock artist performances. And the audience, mostly female, is giddy with anticipation.

Sixteen year old Ashley Dennis from Pontypool had earlier received two tickets to Kalan's concert at her birthday dinner at Kelsey's and her excitement is contagious.

Some other ladies in line had actually formed a consortium and between them had secured tickets to every venue in Ontario. What a fan base!

Kalan did not disappoint. He opened his act with an emotional violin solo, his signature instrument of choice. He captured our hearts from the beginning and kept us wanting more throuhgout the evening.

Kalan is definitely on his way to super-stardom and it was such a treat to see him in a local historical venue like the Lindsay Academy Theatre. What a contrast between the "new" and the "old". And yet, they came together beautifully for a memorable night.

Some Theatre History

Located at 2 Lindsay Street South, in downtown Lindsay, at the heart of the Kawartha Lakes tourist region of Central Ontario, this beautiful, historic, landmark building was considered one of the most technically perfect theatres in Canada when it was build in 1893. Still renowned for its fine acoustics, The Academy Theatre for Performing Arts is now Ontario's oldest operating live venue. The theatre continues to attract top names in the entertainment industry who perform to over 50,000 patrons a year.

Some of the up and coming events at the Academy include:

April 8, 2 p.m. - Dinah Christie - a talented singer songwriter who will perform songs from her first new album in over a decade.

April 9, 8 p.m. - A Johnny Cash Tribute show for all of Johnny's many fans

April 16, 8 p.m. - An evening with Tower of Power, who have been together for more than a quarter century performing their great soul tunes

April 17, 2 p.m. - The fantastic Rita MacNeil who is an exceptional songwriter with an unforgettable voice

In May, you can look forward to Fiddler on the Roof.

And, there is much more. You can log on to the Academy Theatre's web site at www.academytheatre.ca or you can call them at (705) 324-9111 or (705) 324-7742 for all the event details.

Plan to spend an entertaining night out with the family at the historic Academy Theatre soon!

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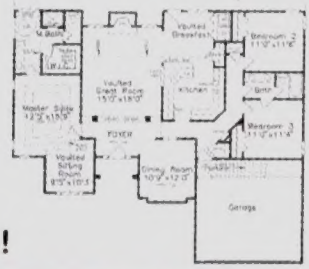

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Spectacular year round property featuring a 2192 sq ft 3 bdrm log sided home with full partly finished bsmt. Main fl laundry. Economically heated by heat pump/central air. Bsmt incl bdrm & 3 pce. Solarium: 43' x 9 to enjoy the 3 seasons in. Exterior roll up security shutters. Paved drive, secluded, well treed with landscaped area. Drilled well. 4 car insulated garage and workshop. Great spot for a family or the retired on this 2.13 acre property near Minden & Haliburton. Call for more detail **$279,000.00**

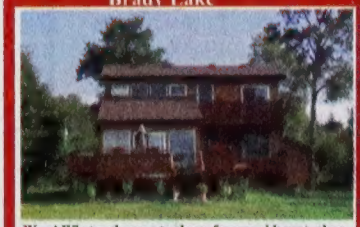
8 acres- 1350 ft shoreline

Little Redstone - Absolute priv. on this estate size property. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, pine, cedar & drywall. Large entertaining deck overlooking a level lot. Save hydro $ with ground source heat pump & air conditioning. Lrg insulated garage/workshop **$695,000.00**

Sandy Swimming Area

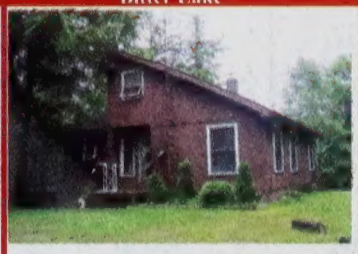
Cozy 3 bdrm cottage, south western exposure, level lot, easy access, sandy swimming area with some rock shore. Deep water off dock. Screened porch. Suitable for summer or winter fun. **$329,000.00**

Brady Lake



Wow! What a pleasure to show, 5 years old, neat, clean, beautifully decorated and every corner used in this 3 bdrm, 1140 sq ft home/cottage. With a 3 pc ensuite and open view of lake off the balcony of the guest bdrm, oak kitchen, cedar cathedral ceiling in living room with w/o to 3 sided deck. Sand beach, deep water and open lake view, what more could you ask for? Oh yeah, there is a fully insulated 2 car garage. **$289,900.00**

Bitter Lake



Very nice & private setting off yr rnd munic. Rd with sand beach, great for swimming, on gently sloping lot. Lots of decks & lg deck at the lake with good view. Open pine cathedral ceiling over living room area with many new upgrades. 1100 sq ft on nicely treed 0.95 acre lot w/waterfront.

Little Kennisis

Custom built Viceroy Style - Very private property on Little Kennisis. 2 lake chain. Deep water off the dock Enjoy fun times on the large deck at the waters edge. Enjoy this 3 bdrm cottage 4 seasons. Kitchen/Dr finished in pine along with pine cathedral ceiling and walls in the large LR make for a cozy atmosphere. Curl up beside the wood stove and gaze at the moon and stars through the many windows. Lg deck, cedar siding, block foundation. **$285,000.00**

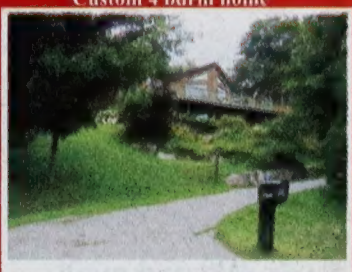
Kennisis Lake

2830 sq ft total living space inc lower walk out level in this gorgeous Post and Beam cottage situated on the shores of Little Kennisis. Hardwood floors, custom maple kitchen, open concept throughout Kitchen/LR/DR. Lg loft area for 4th bedroom Walkout to large entertaining deck. Hot tub off lower walk out. Field stone fireplace, FAE furnace, drilled well, 10x16 garage. **Asking $539,000.**

Business opportunity on Hwy 35

Carnarvon - Commercial building - 3000 sq ft, new oil furnace, loading dock into storage area. Hardwood floors, separate office space, large basement for storage. Large paved yard. Zoning C1 HC and residential. Also a 2 bedroom home, new carpet, plumbing, windows, & roof. Possibilities are endless for this income producing property. **$375,000.00**

Custom 4 bdrm home



Custom 4 bdrm home with over 2000 sq. ft. of living space, pine cathedral ceilings, 2 - 4 pc baths and a finished bsmt has family rm with possible games rm. Access to a 3 lake chain and ground source heat with central air, 2 car garage and paved drive. **$339,900.00**

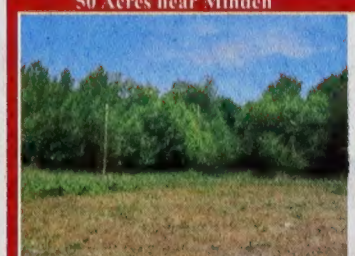
8 Acres with 800 ft. shoreline

See this great building lot. Several building sites offering spectacular views of Kennisis Lake. Absolute privacy on this 8 acre property. 800 ft shore line varies with flat rock, sand pockets, larger rock sections and a point. Sheltered section for boat protection. Sunsets come across the point and set on the opposite shore. This rare large property is being offered at **$575,000.00**

Little Redstone - Square Timber Cottage

2900 sq ft of living space in this beautiful log home or cottage situated on the sandy shore of Little Redstone. 6 bedrooms, 3 baths, hot tub room, living room with cozy fireplace, separate DR and kitchen. Double garage and breezeway, great for a rainy day. Large deck across the front. Level , well treed lot with 290 ft frontage of sandy shoreline. South west exposure. **$795,000.00**

50 Acres near Minden



50 acres, hardwood, mostly maple bush. Ideal for maple syrup.Fairly high land. Very private. Abundance of wildlife , good hunting (if desired). Hydro and well put in 15 years ago. Vendor will consider holding a mortgage. **Offered for sale @$79,900.00**

3 acre building lot

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Private Lake 129 acres Haliburton Highlands

Nature at it's best. 129 acre retreat estate type property with a private lake, mature forest of pine and hardwoods. A 5 bdrm + loft cottage sits on the shore line of Torch Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm, massive stone fireplace in LR and backing the DR . Wood floors and all wood interior with cathedral ceilings. Large deck for entertaining or just enjoy the view. This property has many possibilities. Family retreat, Bed and Breakfast, Children's Camp, Retreat Center, possibly severance of 7+ lots also appears to be 50 to 60 acres of gravel, sand and great timber. Report details available to interested parties **$975,000.00**

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